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THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI:- " Sir, the matter may be considered, but I cannot give any assurance that those concessions will be given to the children of the political sufferers."

SRI D. V. RAMASWAMI:- ".May I know whether this request is not on a par with the concession givento the children of the soldiers who are givenfreeeducation ?"

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI:- " Not quite identical the soldiers of the country fought with their bayone on the battle front but the political sufferers here worked on a different plane and on a different track altogether."

SRI M.S. PATTABIRAMIAH:- " May I know, Sir, How this rough estimate of 40 lakhs was arrived at ?"

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI:- " It is a very rough estimate and as I said our department will not be able to give a correct estimate of the expenditure."

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ABDUL HAMEED KHAN SAHIB BAHADUR:- " On a point of submission, Sir, there has always been a very wholesome rule that an hon. Member who can speak English and who has always been speaking in English....."

MR. SPEAKER:- " That clause ha s been taken away."

ABDUL HAMEED KHAN SAHIB BAHADUR:- "The clause may not be there. I think the Hon. Speaker, I submit, may try to make those speak in English, who have been speaking English language....."

MR. SPEAKER:- " I am not against any mother-tongue. I cannot force any hon. Member to speak in English."

SRI M. BAPINEEDU:- " Is it not a training for linguistic Province ?"

SRI A. KALESWARA RAO:- " I shall repeat the question. May I know whether those political sufferers have been treated better than those soldiers who went to war ?"

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI:- " Those people who joined the Indian Army or British Army have joined for monetary considerations. It is a fact also. But Congress people who have suffered for the country and have won swaraj for the country had not joined Congress for monetary considerations. So there is an essential difference."

SRI K. BRAHMANDANDAM REDDI:- " May I know from the HOn. Minister whether the Government do not consider that that concession should be extended to poor political sufferers who are unable toeducate their children ?"

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI:- "Sir, some concessions were given. Grants were made and are being made in various districts. I think these concessions will suffice for the present."

SRI P. KANDASWAMI PILLAI:- " When the ex-service men went to the battle field on monetary consideration the political sufferers went to the battle field to make sacrifice for the country. Will the Government consider to give free education to the children of the latter which is a very modest request ?"

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THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI:- " If too many concessio
are given the very value of this self-sacrifice may
be damaged, I am afraid."

SRI V. RAGHAVAYYA:- " May I know exactly what is the object of the Government in denying this concession ? Is it because of financial considerations or is it because they are too anxious to preserve the self-sacrificing nature of the political sufferers ?"

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI:- " First financial; second preserving the dignity of self-sacrifince."

SRI V.M.RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR:- "May I know whether the Government are prepared to consider the case of political sufferers who suffered for the cause of the country but are too poor to educate their children - at least in their case will the concession be given ?"

MR. SPEAKER: - " That question was put by Mr. Brahmanamdam Reddy."

SRI V.M.RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR:- "Too poor."

MR. SPEAKER:- "The difference between poor and too poor is the same."

SRI A. VEDARATNAM PILLAI:- " May I know, Sir, whether it is a fact that the financial implication of educating the children of political sufferers will not be more than a lakh ?

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI:- " Our conclusion is that it will go far beyond one lakh."

SRI M.G.NATESA CHETTIYAR:- "May I know, Sir, whether there is any change of change of policy. Instead o giving grant of land, to the political sufferers why not employ them in the special branch of work in which they were voluntarily engaged in the political propaganda before

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI:- " I want to utilize a large number of people in prohibition etc."

SRI R.V.SWAMINATHAN:- " Will the Government at least prepare a list of politcal suffeiers who are poor to educate their children so that we may have an idea as to how much expenditure it will involve the Government in ?"

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI:-" Now that this land concession is there, poor people will get land and they may be able to ducate their childre

MUHAMMED RAZA KHAN SAHIB:- " May I ask whether the Hon. Leader of the House will also include Mr. Salam in the list of political sufferers and whether he will be given five acres of land ?"

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI:- "I do not think Mr. Salam will claim that he is a political sufferer who worked for the attainmen of swaraj in the country."

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SRI L.N.GOPALASWAMY : - " arising out of the answer given by the Hon. Minister, may I ask, Sr, whether the compromise of self-respect which now hasgone to the extent of taking lands, cannot be extended still further, by getting free education for their children?"

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THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI:- "Too much of any good thing is not good, Sir."

'SRI K. LINGA RAJU:- "Are we to understand from the answer of the Hon. Minister that refund of fines and grant of property are the concessions shown for these political sufferers ?"

MR . SPEAKER:- " It is a matter of opinion."

SRI K.LINGA RAJU:- " Sir, I would like to know the opinion of theGovernment."

MR. SPEAKER:- " If the hon. Member wants to know the opinion of the Government and the Hon. Minister is prepared to answer I have no objection."

SRI M.S.PATTABIRAMIAH:- " May I know Sir, whether it is not a fact that the relatives of the sepoys who were enlisted by the former Government are given free education by this Government , and if so, what is the rough estimate of the cost of the scheme?"

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI:- " A separate question may be put."

SRI P. KANDASWAMI PILLAI:- " May I know, Sir, whether the Government will take into consideration at least those who have no lands and at the same time have to educate more than three children of their own ? Will the Government give any concessions to them at least ?"

THE HON. SRI KALA VENKATA RAO:- " Well, Sir, there seems to be some conspiracy about those gentlemen who have many children. Men who have no children will not get any benefit under this scheme at all."

The starred question on page 1 c.f. was answered by HON. Minister Finance in the Legislative Assembly on 24-8-48 vide extracts from the Printed Proceedings on page 5-7 c.f. No further action seems necessary with reference to the supplementary questions and answers. The papers may be recorded in a Ms.G.O. for facility of future reference.

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